

**A SULTAN'S SEVEN BEDS.**

Abdul Hamid Changed His Sleeping Place Every Night.

An interesting reminiscence of Abdul Hamid, the former sultan of Turkey, who was known as Abdul the Accursed and by several other more or less unpleasant titles, is given in the description of a visit to Yildiz Kiosk by Colonel (Count) Gleichen in the Household Brigade Magazine.

"The house was a perfect labyrinth of small rooms," he writes. "In no fewer than seven of these rooms were beds on which the sultan used to sleep—not ordinary beds, but large couches, sloping at a considerable angle from the head end downward, so that, covered with a quilt or two, his majesty could sleep in a semi-upright condition and spring up at a moment's notice to be ready for anything.

"No one knew in which of the seven rooms the sultan was going to sleep, for he changed his resting place every night for fear of hidden dangers. Along the main passage which led past many of these rooms a most ingenious arrangement existed for giving warning of the approach of any one. The floor was composed of loose planks under the carpet, so that merely to walk along it started a rattling sound which must invariably have waked a light and nervous sleeper."

**OYSTER ISLANDS.**

Their Growth Is Exactly Analogous to That of Coral Reefs.

Oyster islands similar to those formed of coral are found in several parts of the world. The islands in Newport river and Beaufort harbor, North Carolina, says a writer in the Century Path Magazine, have been discovered to have as base a reef to which the spawns were attached and above this layer upon layer of oysters, vegetable growth and debris brought by the action of the waves and winds, all of which finally grows high enough to rise above the surface of the water. This growth is exactly analogous to that of the coral islands of the Pacific.

The islands near the mouth of the river Tagus, in Portugal, are said to have been built up in this way also. Here, where there is such a quantity of oysters that 100,000,000 a year would scarcely be missed if they were removed, the expense of water just beyond the river's mouth is dotted with oyster islands. As in the case of the coral reefs, which on the seaward side may be covered with living, growing coral, live oysters thrive in the same waters where the accumulation of dead generations has served to form the islands.

**Muscles May Move Themselves.**

Albert von Haller, a Swiss surgeon of the eighteenth century, was the first to point out that the muscles of our bodies have an automatic action. Before Haller's time it was believed that the muscles could not contract or swell up of themselves, but were drawn up by the nerves of volition. Haller discovered that this is not so, but that a muscle, if irritated, will draw itself together automatically, even when it is quite separated from the nerves, and this has since been proved to be true by a great number of experiments. So that, though it is true our nerves are the cause of our moving, because they excite the muscles and so cause them to contract, yet the real power of contraction is in the muscle itself. The body of man is full of wonders, not the least of which is this automatic power of contraction in all muscles. — Louisville Courier Journal.

**The Comma.**

The point on which most writers are at odds with the compositor is the comma. He is too fond of this particular punctuation point. He takes a delight in breaking up the flow of a sentence with his artificial pauses. We all say, "Why then did you do it?" in one breath. It is the compositor who says, "Why, then, did you do it?" It is possible to be too hard on the comma. It has its undeniable uses. Edward Clodd in his memoir of Grant Allen tells the story of a compositor who dissented very strongly from that writer's moral philosophy and had to "set up" an interview with Allen in which the sentence occurred, "He is happily married." He saved his own conscience by printing it "He is, happily married." — London Chronicle.

**A Cheerful Lie.**

One time the late ambassador of Afghanistan asked the English diplomat agent at his court to give a description of a circle of Afghan boys of the largest gun in England. The Englishman described the 100 ton gun, and when he had finished the ambassador observed to his admiring subjects: "I have seen a gun the carriage of which was as large as the gun which has just been described to you." It would never do for an ambassador to be astonished, much less to confess himself beaten.

**One Idea Developed.**

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**Good Qualifications.**

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**RESOLUTION**

It is resolved by the city of St. Johns, Oregon:

That whereas, pursuant to a plan to establish and have operated by Multnomah county, Oregon, a free ferry on the Willamette river, opposite the city of St. Johns, the Legislative Assembly of the state of Oregon did at its regular session in the year 1911 pass House Bill No. 135, chapter 15, section 1, laws of 1911, authorizing and directing said Multnomah county to construct and operate such a ferry, provided the city of St. Johns did acquire and thereafter transfer to said Multnomah county, Oregon, the ferry slips, pontoons and approaches thereto, then owned by the St. Johns Transportation Company, a private corporation, and

Whereas, pursuant to its plan of performing all acts required of it in the premises, the said city of St. Johns, Oregon, did call a special election, as provided by Ordinance No. 357, and at such election the issuance of municipal bonds was authorized for the purpose of acquiring the property mentioned in said House Bill No. 135, chapter 15, section 1, laws of 1911. That said bonds having now been sold, and the said city of St. Johns having heretofore acquired title to the aforesaid property of the St. Johns Transportation Company; therefore be it further

Resolved, That the mayor and recorder of the said city of St. Johns, Oregon, do, and they are hereby, authorized, directed and required to at once enter into and sign any and all contracts for and in behalf of said city, as shall be required to convey to the said Multnomah county, Oregon, any and all the property formerly owned by the said St. Johns Transportation Company, as shall be necessary and requisite to carry into effect the purposes of the said House Bill No. 135, Chapter 15, Section 1, Laws of 1911, and of the said Ordinance No. 357 of the city of St. Johns, Oregon.

Adopted by the council September 19, 1911.

F. A. RICE, Recorder.

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**RESOLUTION**

It is resolved by the city of St. Johns, Oregon:

That, whereas, on April 11, 1911, the council of the city of St. Johns, Oregon, accepted the bid of the First National Bank of said city for ferry bonds, to be dated March 21st, 1911, due March 21st, 1921, for Six Thousand (\$6,000.00) Dollars. But said First National Bank of St. Johns, having failed to pay the sum bid for said bonds, or any sum whatever, and have declined to accept and pay for the same, and

Whereas, The Peninsula Bank an Oregon corporation, did on the 15th day of April, 1911, bid for said bonds, and offered to pay par, or face value, to wit: Six Thousand (\$6,000.00) Dollars, together with accrued interest, to date of delivery with a premium of Seventy-seven (\$77.00) Dollars, and said bid not having been recalled and is still on file. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the bid of said Peninsula Bank be accepted and said bonds be issued, and the mayor and recorder of the city of St. Johns be, and they are hereby, authorized, directed and delivered said bonds to the Peninsula Bank in the form and manner prescribed by said bank, upon receiving the sum or sums bid therefor, and that the said First National Bank of St. Johns be and is relieved of any and all obligations in any manner incurred through its bid heretofore referred to.

Adopted by the council this 7th day of September, 1911.

F. A. RICE, Recorder.

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**Proposals for Street Work**

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the recorder of the city of St. Johns until Oct. 3, 1911, at 8 o'clock p. m. for the improvement of Baltimore street from the southerly side line of Edison street to the northerly side line of Bradford street, in the manner provided by ordinance No. 424, subject to the provisions of the charter and ordinances of the city of St. Johns, and the estimate of the city engineer, on file. Engineer's estimate of the probable total cost is \$2,089.74.

Bids must be strictly in accordance with printed blanks which will be furnished on application at the office of the recorder of the city of St. Johns. And said improvement must be completed on or before 60 days from the last publication of notice of proposals for said work. No proposals or bids will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check payable to the mayor of the city of St. Johns, certified by a responsible bank for an amount equal to ten per cent. of the aggregate proposal.

The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved.

By order of the city council.

F. A. RICE, City Recorder.

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